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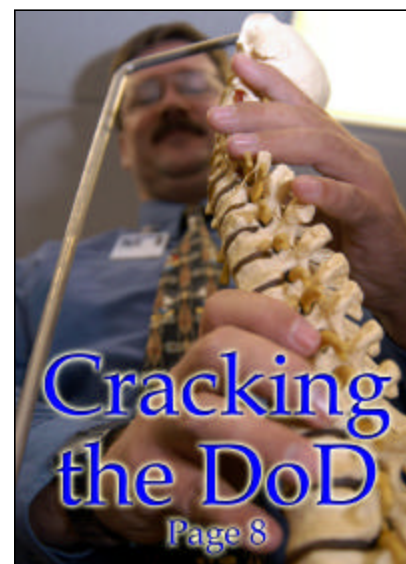


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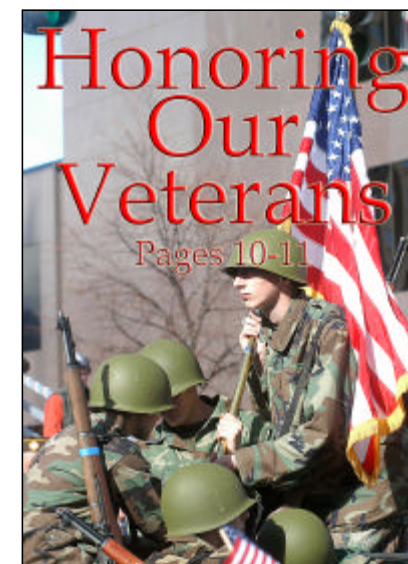


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## Peterson Air Force Base Notable Numbers

The following is a list of frequently called numbers on Peterson Air Force Base for your convenience:

■ Base Operator.....	556-7321
■ Action Line.....	556-7777
■ Base Exchange.....	596-7270
■ Chaplain.....	556-4442
■ Civil Engineers.....	556-4030
■ Commissary.....	556-7765
■ Dental Clinic.....	556-1333
■ Family Support.....	556-6141
■ Fire Department (Emergency).....	911
■ Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline.....	556-2104
■ Housing Maintenance.....	556-4455
■ Inspector General complaints.....	556-6309
■ Legal Office.....	556-4871
■ Military/Civilian/Travel Pay.....	556-4770
■ Military Equal Opportunity.....	556-7657/7693
■ Nurse Advice.....	888-887-4111
■ Optometry.....	556-1065
■ Air Force OSI.....	556-4022
■ Public Affairs.....	556-4696
■ Safety Office.....	556-8001
■ Security Forces.....	556-4000
■ Services.....	556-4882
■ Snow Call Line.....	556-7669
■ Transportation.....	556-4307
■ TRICARE.....	264-5000



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### I love a parade

Members from the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron prepare to climb into snow removal equipment vehicles to participate in the Snow Parade. The recent parade showed people on base what types of equipment they can expect to see plowing the roads and clearing parking lots throughout the winter.

## Action Line

### Submitting Action Lines

*The Action Line is your direct link to the 21st Space Wing Commander – use it wisely! Try to resolve problems at the lowest level possible — with the person or activity, and then follow the chain of command.*

*Though it's not required, we ask that you leave your name and phone number so we can get back to you for clarifications, or if your response isn't printed.*

*If you can't get satisfactory results, call 556-7777. Or you can fax your question to 556-7848.*

### Concealing questions

**QUESTION: Is a concealed weapon permit sufficient to carry a weapon on a military installa-**

**tion? With the increased threat of terrorism in America, which can be anywhere in the 50 States, I have started carrying a concealed weapon.**

**I have a concealed weapon permit issued by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. Is this sufficient to come on base, or when I am traveling to various places? Thank you very much.**

**ANSWER:** Thank you for your concern dealing with personal safety and force protection at Peterson.

In accordance with Title 18 United States Code 930, "Possession of personal firearms on base is prohibited." A sign is posted at all three gates to Peterson to warn personnel entering the installation.

Security Forces are charged with protecting personnel and resources on Peterson. They go through

countless hours of weapons training and qualification on a continuous basis.

Furthermore, the weapons training Security Forces personnel receive includes the use of force. The 21st Security Forces are trained, equipped, and ready to defend Peterson resources and personnel.

Please contact your local civilian police department for state, city, and county policies for carrying concealed weapons. It is against the law to carry a personally concealed weapon on all federal military installations.

Please leave your weapon at home and know you are safe when you enter Peterson. If you have further questions, please contact Lt. Col. Lyle Cary, at 556-4800.



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### A Moment in Time: November



■ On Nov. 17, 1967, the 21st Composite Wing's 317th Fighter Interceptor Squadron received the 1967 Hughes Achievement Trophy.

■ On Nov. 19, 1943, in response to known German advances in rocketry, Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold directed more emphasis toward research and development of guided missiles.

■ On Nov. 21, 1957, plans for the first of several ballistic missile bases were revealed.

*Information courtesy of Staff Sgt. Trisha Morgan, 21st Space Wing History Office.*



# Hitting the slopes -- safely

By Christie Bond  
*21st Space Wing Public Affairs*

Several feet of early season snow has fallen in Colorado's mountains and many enthusiasts are eyeing the slopes with high hopes for a great winter. By keeping safety foremost in mind, this year can be your best yet.

"We are really emphasizing five things: get to and from the slopes safely, watch for the insidious effects of fatigue, ski within your limits, wear a helmet and avoid alcohol," said Lt. Col. Patrick Goodman, 21st Space Wing chief of safety. "The single most dangerous thing about skiing is driving to and from the slopes," says Goodman.

Traveling to and from a ski area can involve driving in severe winter conditions. Ensure you have a first aid kit and winter survival kit with you. Traffic delays can be hours long, so a full tank of gas is essential. After a day on the slopes, the drive back to the Front Range can be even more dangerous. Traffic on I-70 is often very heavy with other tired snow riders - some of whom capped their day with après-ski drinks at the lodge. Staying alert as the sun goes down can be challenging. Use common sense and stop to rest as needed.

The effects of fatigue begin subtly and progress gradually, making it difficult to know exactly when you are being adversely affected. Listen to your body - know when to take a break and when to call it a day. According to Goodman, there are lots of injuries at the end of the day, when people are getting tired.

Know your ability level. Getting in over your head puts both you and the people around you at risk. Also know the ability levels of the people you're skiing or riding with. While it is often portrayed as a prank, taking people where they're not prepared to go is a serious offense.

Signs at the bottom of every lift display the type of terrain that lift serves: green circles for beginner, blue squares for intermediate, black diamonds for expert. Consider taking a lesson or two, regardless of how long you've been skiing. Professional instructors can show you more efficient ways of doing things, which saves your energy, increases your control, and makes your time on the slopes more enjoyable.

In the past several years, helmets have become a standard part of skiing and riding equipment. They serve two purposes: first, they protect your head should you fall on a patch of ice or run into an obstacle. Second, they protect your head in the event some-



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Alex R. Lloyd  
**A snowboarder catches some air during SnoFest!!! 2001. As the snow falls in the mountains, the 21st Space Wing wants snowboarders and skiers to be safe when they catch air or zip down the hills.**

one else runs into you. Helmets also keep your head warm and offer excellent protection from the wind. They come in many different styles and sizes, so anyone can find a comfortable fit. Helmets can be rented at Outdoor Recreation and most ski area rental shops for a few dollars a day.

If you have your own equipment, make sure it is in good working condition. Have your skis or board and bindings checked by an expert before heading out for the first time. If you limped through the end of last season with a damaged pole or other item, consider replacing it now instead of waiting for it to break. If you rent your equipment, be honest with the technician about your ability level and make sure you are comfortable with the gear you'll be using.

Alcohol and snow sliding do not mix. Alcohol has a stronger effect on the body at higher altitudes, causing fatigue and slower reaction times. Alcohol is not the solution to thirst - water is. Stop frequently for water or carry a hydration pack with you. (To keep

the tube from freezing, blow the water back into the bladder after drinking.)

Most Colorado ski areas are above 8,500 feet in elevation, with some over 10,000 feet, so the sun and ultraviolet rays are much stronger than along the Front Range. Even on overcast days, ultraviolet rays come through the clouds and can cause harmful sunburns. Be sure to protect all exposed skin with sunblock and keep lips covered in a lip balm with sun protection.

The early snow is a promising start to this year's snow sports season. By keeping these simple precautions in mind, you'll be well on your way to a memorable time in the mountains.

## The Skier Responsibility Code

The National Ski Areas Association established "Your Responsibility Code" in 1966 as a code of ethics for all skiers on the mountain. Today, the code reflects not only skier safety, but snowboarder and lift safety as well.

Ultimately, safe skiing and snowboarding on the mountain is each person's responsibility. Following "Your Responsibility Code" will help all skiers and snowboarders have a safer mountain experience.

- Safety on the slopes is everyone's responsibility. Ski safely - not only for yourself, but for others as well.
  - Always stay in control and be able to stop or avoid objects.
  - People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
  - Do not stop where you obstruct the trail or are not visible from above.
  - Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, yield to others.
  - Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
  - Observe all posted signs and warnings.
  - Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
  - Prior to using any lift, you must know how to load, ride, and unload safely.
- (Information courtesy of Colorado Ski Country USA)*



**Accidents can happen at anytime as the snowboarder on the left found out in a race during SnoFest!!!**



BONE MARROW DRIVE

The next bone marrow drive at Peterson is scheduled for 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 26, in the Building 1 auditorium.

Base members are eligible to participate in the DoD Bone Marrow Program even if they are ineligible to donate blood (based on overseas assignments).

Those eligible for the DoD Bone Marrow Program must be active duty, dependents, DoD Civil Service, Guard or Reserve, between 18-60 years of age, and in good health.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Kristin Clark at 556-3152 or [kristin.clark@peterson.af.mil](mailto:kristin.clark@peterson.af.mil).

SPACE SYSTEMS CONFERENCE

Colorado Springs will host the Core Technologies for Space Systems Conference at the Sheraton Hotel Nov. 19-21.

This year's keynote speakers include Gen. Lance Lord, Commander, Air Force Space Command and Mr. Sam Venneri, Chief Technologist, National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Dr. Harrison "Jack" Schmitt, one of the last two men to walk on the moon, will be the guest speaker at the conference banquet.

For more information, or to register for the conference, visit the Core Technologies

2002 Web site at <http://www.spacecoretech.org/>, or e-mail Col. T.S. Kelso at [TS.Kelso@peterson.af.mil](mailto:TS.Kelso@peterson.af.mil).

EPD SEMINAR

The Enlisted Professional Development committee's next effective-writing seminar is scheduled for Monday, 2-4 p.m. in Building 350, Room 1016. This seminar focuses on preparing EPRs and award nominations. To sign up, contact Senior Master Sgt. Brad Steininger at [bradley.steininger@peterson.af.mil](mailto:bradley.steininger@peterson.af.mil).

The EPD Committee will also hold a Study Skills Seminar Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., in Building 350, Room 2127. Due to limited seating, this quarter's seminar is reserved for enlisted members only. Call 556-3152 to sign up or e-mail [kristin.clark@peterson.af.mil](mailto:kristin.clark@peterson.af.mil).

SANTA'S TOY

CONSIGNMENT SALE

Santa's Toy Consignment Sale will be 9 a.m. - noon, Nov. 16, at the Fort Carson Field House, Building 1160, across from Burger King. Customers will be able to purchase new or like new toys and children's items at a discounted price.

Those interested in selling their toys and other children's items may drop items off between noon and 5 p.m. at the post Field House Nov. 15. No clothing items are to be sold.

Profits and unsold items must be picked up between 1 and 2 p.m., Nov. 16. All unclaimed items will be given to charity.

There will be a 10 percent consignment fee for each item to be sold, and a \$1 admission fee for every adult customer.

For more information, contact Kristin Keown at 392-8328.

OWC NOTES

2002 White House ornaments are for sale from the Officers' Wives Clubs for \$15, and Pikes Peak Military Family Cookbooks for \$12. Call Sandy for more info at 535-8127.

The Peterson OWC will meet 6:30 p.m., Nov 21 at the Family Support Center for a Cookbook Night. Try out a recipe in the Pikes Peak Military Family Cookbook. Door Prizes will come from "The Pampered Chef." RSVP is a must by Nov. 18. Call Linh Narum at 591-7010.

REENLIST AT ACADEMY FOOTBALL GAME

Reenlist, or reaffirm your commitment to the Air Force and our Nation at an Air Force Academy football game, Nov. 23.

Air Force Academy Superintendent, Lt. Gen. John Dallager, will officiate the ceremony.

Call the Air Force Academy Career Assistance Advisor, Master Sgt. Loretta

Glasgow at 333-9389 for more information.

YMCA DINNER DANCE

In celebration of Military Family Month, there will be a "Homecoming Dinner Dance" 6:30-9:30 p.m., Nov. 22, at the Armed Services YMCA's Southeast Family Center. The Y is located at 2190 Jet Wing Drive, next to Sierra High School. Cost is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children ages 12 and under.

The event includes a chili and cornbread dinner with drinks and dessert and use of the Y facilities.

This activity is sponsored by the Armed Services YMCA, the family support centers at Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever AFB, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the Fort Carson Army Community Services. Call the YMCA at 622-9622 to reserve a place.

EDUCATION FAIR

The Education Office will host an Education Fair for individuals interested in continuing their education while stationed at Peterson. The Fair will be in Building 1141 (Education Center) Nov. 21.

At least ten colleges and universities will participate as well as the base education counselors.

Stop by and see if one of the schools have what you are looking for in an academic program.

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

The museum needs volunteers in the gift shop to work one shift, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 12:30 - 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Contact Don Fulkerson at 282-1231 or the museum at 556-4915 for more information.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

The 21st Services Squadron needs volunteer drivers for ski trips and other winter-season activities. Stop by the Community Activities Center, Building 640, to apply or call 556-1733.

Drivers must have experience driving a 15-passenger van and must be CPR certified. Training will be provided. Drivers also receive free lift tickets on ski trips.

Ski trips are scheduled for Dec. 7, Jan. 25, Feb. 8, and March 8.


HOLIDAY PARTIES

The North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command holiday party is scheduled for 6 p.m., Dec. 6, at the Officers' Club. Ticket prices and availability will be available next week.

The 21st Space Wing holiday party will be at 6 p.m., Dec. 13 at the Enlisted Club.

Call your squadron points of contact for reservations and for more information on holiday festivities.





### At the Base Chapel

<b>Protestant</b> Liturgical Worship, 8:15 a.m. Traditional Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Gospel Services, 12:30 p.m.	<b>Catholic</b> Weekday Mass, 11:35 a.m. Saturdays, 5 p.m. Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Reconciliation Saturdays, 4 p.m.	<b>Religious Education</b> Catholic and Protestant Sunday School classes begin at 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. respectively.	<b>**For more information</b> Call the chapel at 556-4442 for available chapel programs.
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# Blotter

The following real-life events with real individuals from around the Peterson Complex are to inform you of crimes, accidents, and events occurring on base. The following entries are from hundreds recorded in the Peterson Police Blotter:

*\*\*Editor's note: Although the Space Observer staff may make light of some Blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional Security Forces treat each incident seriously.*

## 911 response — Nov. 5

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and an AMR ambulance responded to Billeting where an employee had a seizure and fell down, striking her head, and causing a deep laceration to her head. The victim was transported to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

## Creepy crook cleans

## clothes — Nov. 5

An individual reported to Security Forces that between 4 and 5 a.m. his laundry was stolen from a washing machine in the laundry room of Dorm 1164. The victim stated he searched the laundry room, surrounding rooms, trashcans, and outside of the building, but found none of his laundry. Be on the lookout for a thief wearing clothes not his own, including a Gap hooded sweat-shirt, American Eagle

T-shirts, a long sleeve Gap T-shirt, a gray Ohio State T-shirt, and American Eagle boxers (should you get close enough to see the latter).

## Listen, look, bam — then stop? — Nov. 5

Security Forces responded to the intersection of Peterson Blvd. and Paine St. where one vehicle had smacked into the rear of another. Seems the bonkee was waiting at an intersection as there was an emergency vehicle response with sirens blaring. The bonker also heard the sirens, but instead of stopping, began looking around to see where the sounds were coming from. Wrong move, as he continued forward into the stopped vehicle. Guess we're never too old to remember "stop, look, and listen?"

## Don't fence me out — Nov. 6

Security Forces responded to the Child Development Center to investigate reported damage to the CDC fence. An employee stated she noticed the fence that separates the Pre-toddler playground from the preschool playground was stretched out of shape, leaving a hole in the fence, a gap at the bottom, and some of the internal locking wires hanging on the

fence or laying on the ground. Investigation is ongoing to determine if some of the testy toddlers had tried to make a break of it, or if perhaps lawn care equipment might have snagged the fence.

## Suspicious package — Nov. 6

Security Forces responded to the Legal Office due to a suspicious package left in the office lobby area without its owner. With a piece of paper sticking from the bag, its owner was identified and contacted at home, and, golly gee, revealed he accidentally left the bag at the legal office.

## 911 Response - Nov. 7

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and an AMR ambulance responded to the NCO Academy where an individual had passed out on the drill pad. The individual was transported to the Memorial Hospital Emergency Room for further treatment.

## Plate vanishing act —

## Nov. 7

A military member reported in person to Security Forces that a vehicle license plate had been missing from a government vehicle since June 2001 (yes, 2001). It seems the vehicle had been used by another part of the squadron, which had put a different plate on it; in doing so, the plate was misplaced.

## Bus bust — Nov. 7

A school bus driver reported the make and model of a vehicle that failed to stop despite the bus having its stop arm extended and lights flashing on Hamilton by the temporary Youth Center. Security Forces traced the vehicle and its owner, and issued him a ticket for "Failure to Stop for school bus loading/unloading children."

## 911 "child's play?" — Nov. 7

Security Forces received an abandoned 911 call; when they attempted to call back, the line was busy. A patrol was dispatched to the caller's location, where it was determined the call was the result of a child playing with the telephone. Parents are reminded to inform and instruct their children of the proper use of a phone (especially as some municipalities will charge for errant 911 calls, which also take police from other duties).

## Underwhere? - Nov. 8

A guest staying at lodging called Security Forces to complain that three sets of his government issued thermal underclothes were stolen. He believes that they were stripped from his room or the laundry facility.

## Let's get ready to rumble - Nov. 8

An airman on base called a friend after being assaulted by her husband. Security Forces arrived and took the rumbling couple into their headquarters for an interview. During the interview it was discovered that there was an exchange in phone throwing. Also, the wife experienced being pushed into the dining room wall and pulled down to the kitchen floor where she was then hit in the back of the head. The husband was issued a summons for harassment and was transported to El Paso County Confinement Facility. The wife was put in contact with the victim witness assistance program where she'll be put in touch with helpful wing programs.

## Just hangin' around - Nov. 9

Security Forces was

contacted after a basketball lover was asked to leave the gym and refused by hanging on the rim of a basketball goal. He didn't want to leave because his family was still inside the gym somewhere. He finally dropped to the earth and reunited with his family outside the base gym.

## Backing and thumping - Nov. 9

A motorist called Security Forces after his vehicle had struck another while backing out of a Commissary parking space. The car that he struck ended up with a torn hood cover and a crack on the front driver's side bumper, while his car had no damage. He was issued a citation for improper backing resulting in an accident.


## Just one too many - Nov. 9

CSPD contacted Security Forces to get the identity of a drunken fool they picked up, who they believed was a military member. The drunken fool became more and more incoherent and refused to respond to Security Forces, while they identified the DUI drunk as a military member. AMR was contacted and he continued to be verbally abusive with CSPD and AMR personnel. He was transported to Memorial Hospital for observation under restraint.

## No cutting! - Nov. 10

Security Forces received a call from the Shopette requesting assistance for an individual who was verbally harassing others in the check out line. Another shopper who cut in line tricked the angered individual. CSPD was contacted and removed the individual from the Shopette because the angered retiree was emitting an alcoholic odor. He was also cited for illegally parking.

## Flight line response - Nov. 10

An individual from the fire department requested an escort for AMR to the flight line. A passenger on a transient aircraft needed medical assistance for respiratory troubles. AMR was transported to the flight line to assist the patient. 





## JEA stands up for bottom six *Junior Enlisted Association* *available for all services*

By Staff Sgt.  
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*21st Space Wing Public Affairs*

The Peterson Complex chapter of the Junior Enlisted Association held its inaugural meeting Nov. 8 at the Enlisted Club.

According to Tech. Sgt. Olga Wells, JEA president, the association is meant to bring the lower ranking members of all the services assigned to Team Pete together.

"It's like the Top Three, but instead it's the Bottom Six," Wells said.

The first meeting was an attempt to define roles and opportunities that would interest service members in grades E-1 through E-6 in all branches of service.

We have all branches of service stationed here at Pete, Wells said. We even have services from other nations, and we would like everyone to get involved.

"Some of our goals are improving community relations, mentoring, discussing and providing information pertaining to the junior enlisted ranks, identifying important issues to help create solu-

tions to problems, and creating leadership opportunities," said Staff Sgt. Heather Phillips, JEA vice president.

The JEA will give Team Pete junior enlisted members a voice, according to several attendees. Many expressed the importance of having lower-ranking members represented.

"The JEA gives the junior enlisted members an organized forum to present issues in an effective fashion," said Tech. Sgt. William Davis, 21st Services Squadron. "Hopefully, we will be able to reach conclusions to our issues in an efficient manner and make a positive impact in the lives of the junior enlisted here."

According to Davis, now is the time to "get in on the ground level." With the organization just starting up here at Pete, junior enlisted members will have a chance to make a difference and "shape Peterson Air Force Base's future."

A board of six members, including a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, first airman, and senior non-commissioned officer liaison, facilitates the JEA. Each project undertaken by the

association also has a person in charge of just that project.

"We want everyone to be involved," Wells said. "The JEA is for all of us. It's a chance for us to excel."

According to Phillips, the association plans on providing support to the Peterson Complex by assisting families left behind after deployments, volunteering at base agencies such as the Child Development Center, and reaching out through community programs such as Caring Through Sharing, Harvest of Love, and Hearts Apart. Another role the JEA hopes to take on is relaying members' quality-of-life concerns to the appropriate agencies.

"Our main purpose is not to be a fundraising club but to cater to the needs of the junior enlisted corps through mentoring, support, sharing information, and community relations," Phillips said. "We need support from the junior enlisted members to make this happen."

Meetings for the JEA will be held at 3 p.m. the second Friday of every month at the Enlisted Club. The next meeting will be Dec. 13.

"We will be discussing our vision statement, volunteer opportunities for the holiday season, and a coin design, so come on out and share your ideas with us," Wells said.

## Space warning squadron teamwork creates history

By Tech. Sgt.  
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*21st Space Wing Public Affairs*

Members of the 2nd and 8th Space Warning Squadrons made history recently. For the first time in the history of space-based missile warning – and perhaps in the history of missile warning – a space operations center was fully manned by Reservists.

The 2nd Space Warning Squadron's current mission is to maintain satellite control authority for the Defense Satellite Program satellite constellation and report ballistic missile/space launches, nuclear detonations and infrared data of intelligence value to unified commands, JCS, president, and secretary of defense.

With more than 30 years of excellence in the Defense Support Program, the 2nd launched the nation's newest line of defense, the Space-Based Infrared System on Dec. 17, 2001.

The 8th SWS is the first space unit to integrate Reserve and Air National Guard members into an active duty mission from the beginning stage.

The 8th SWS is part of the 310th Space Group, Schriever AFB, Colo., the only space group within Air Force Reserve Command.

At approximately 7 a.m. Nov. 3, Reserve members – both traditional and Air Guard Reservists – of the 8th SWS, assumed control of the SBIRS Mission Control Station.

"With a crew size of nearly 25 people, this is an enormous accomplishment for our Reserve partners and the 2nd SWS/8th SWS team," said 2nd SWS Commander Lt. Col. Robert Gibson. "I wouldn't have missed this changeover for anything."

"Thanks to the professionals in the 8th SWS portion of the SBIRS team, a few active-duty members were given a badly needed day off," Gibson said.

"We try very hard to make the Total Force, coalition warfare concept work here at Buckley," Gibson said. "Thanks to outstanding folks from the Reserves, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and our active-duty members, 2nd SWS and 8th SWS professionals make that teamwork happen every day."

"The power of our total force was fully recognized at the unit level," Gibson said. "Our Reserve and multinational partners successfully conduct missile warning on a global scale every day. I'm very proud of all the professional performers here on the SBIRS team."

## Snow Call Line

### 556-SNOW

Call the 21st Space Wing Snow Call line for reporting procedures in the event of inclement weather. The line is updated by 6 a.m. on inclement weather days.

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## Eight bases add chiropractic services to medical facilities

By Staff Sgt.  
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[Air Force Print News](#)

Eight Air Force medical treatment facilities added chiropractic medicine, and others will follow suit in the future.

Chiropractic medicine became available to the Air Force in 1995, after Congress directed the Department of Defense to test the feasibility of providing that service at its facilities. The findings directly resulted in Congress making chiropractic medicine a permanent benefit for active duty military members, according to the director of the Air Force chiropractic program.

“Over the next five years, we will gradually increase the availability of chiropractic services across the Air Force,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Robert Manaker. “A similar thing is happening across the Army and the Navy. This is a tri-service program.”

Chiropractic medicine uses a hands-on technique to correct misalignments of joints in the body.

“Chiropractic helps by essentially realigning joints to their normal alignment,” Manaker said. “A misalignment in your spine can cause the muscles around it to begin to have pain, to spasm or to cramp up. What chiropractors find is that if you realign those vertebrae, that can help decrease your pain.”

Active duty military members wanting to see the chiropractor at their local military treatment facility will need to first be seen by their own primary care provider, the doctor said.

“To see the chiropractor, you need to get a referral,” Manaker said. “As a primary care provider, if I have sent you to an orthopedist and he thinks you could benefit from a chiropractor, he could also make the referral.”

Military members who would like to see a chiropractor can be referred to any one of the DOD facilities that currently employ a chiropractor. For now, however, they will not be able to seek treatment from off-base private-practice chiropractors.

“If there isn’t one at your base, you do not have the option of going off base to find a chi-

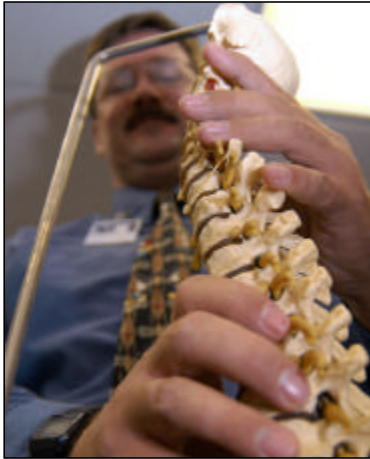


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**Dr. Duane Lowe of the U.S. Air Force Academy’s chiropractic clinic knows all the right notes to hit while playing your back-bone. The academy’s chiropractic clinic is one of eight such clinics around the Air Force.**

ropractor,” Manaker said.

Currently, the eight Air Force medical treatment facilities that offer chiropractic services to active duty members include facilities at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; Offutt AFB, Neb.; Travis AFB, Calif.; Scott AFB, Ill., Keesler AFB, Miss.; Andrews AFB, Md.; Langley AFB, Va.; and the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

“We wanted to get this benefit out to the most active-duty members that we could,” he said. “We are looking at places where there are multiple bases or where there are the greatest number of active-duty members, and putting chiropractors there first.”

The Air Force is hiring chiropractors to work in areas with the largest Air Force populations first, Manaker said. By 2007, the majority of Air Force active-duty members should have access to a chiropractor either at their own base or at a base nearby.

## DoD sets first Suicide Prevention Week

By G.W. Pomeroy  
[Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs](#)

These initiatives include:

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department will, for the first time, formally emphasize suicide prevention Nov. 18 to 22, according to the DOD Suicide Prevention and Risk Reduction Committee, the panel that addresses suicide prevention across all branches of the military.

This special week kicks off a yearlong observance of the importance of suicide prevention. The motto is, “Everyone Counts.”

This motto reflects the fact the military is a family and the loss of even one member is too many, according to Lt. Col. Rick Campise, the Air Force’s Suicide Prevention Program manager.

As of Nov. 11, there had been 26 Air Force active-duty suicides in calendar 2002, for a rate of 8.6 per 100,000, the traditional measurement. This is the service’s third lowest rate in 20 years.

To mark the annual event, the Suicide Prevention and Risk Reduction Committee is planning a Suicide Prevention Forum on Nov. 19 at the U.S. Navy’s Henderson Hall in Arlington, Va. Representatives from each branch of the military will discuss their current suicide prevention initiatives.

“The next six months will be an exciting time for the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program,” Campise said. “Many products we’ve been developing will be ready for activation.”

— The Air Force Suicide Prevention Web site, which is geared toward greatly improving access to suicide prevention information and materials.

— An Air Force “Guide for Managing Suicidal Behavior,” designed to help clinicians assess and manage high-risk behavior.

— The 2003 Community Suicide Prevention Briefing, a new multimedia briefing involving slides and video that will replace the current suicide prevention briefing.

— The 2003 Leadership Suicide Prevention Briefing, a new multimedia briefing involving slides and video. This is geared toward wings, groups and squadron commanders.

— The Air Force Guide for Commanders and Gatekeepers in Managing High-Risk Behavior is also scheduled for release.

The Air Force’s community approach in suicide prevention and education has received national recognition, including praise in May 2001 from then-U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher, who declared the program a model for the nation and incorporated it into the National Suicide Prevention Strategy.

The Air Force uses an integrated delivery system that involves chaplains and professionals from mental health, family support, child and youth services, health and wellness centers and family advocacy — all working together and taking responsibility for prevention.

# A T Y O U R S E R V I C E

## CAC hosts arts and crafts competition

By Senior Airman Shane Sharp  
*21st Space Wing Public Affairs*

Pete Complex artists will have a chance to compete for top honors during the annual arts and crafts competition Dec. 6 at the Community Activities Center.

The competition is open to all base members with a valid identification card and it's free and easy to enter.

"There is no entry fee for the competition," said Deb Connor, Community Activity Center Director. "Any eligible base member can enter their art work in any of the categories free of charge."

"Interested base members can pick up an entry form at the Community Activities Center and are more than welcome to call us with any questions," said Connor. "All entries must be at the Community Activities Center by close of business Dec. 2."

The competition is also open to the public.

"Art pieces will be on display at the Community Activities Center so base members can come take a look at local art talent," said Connor.

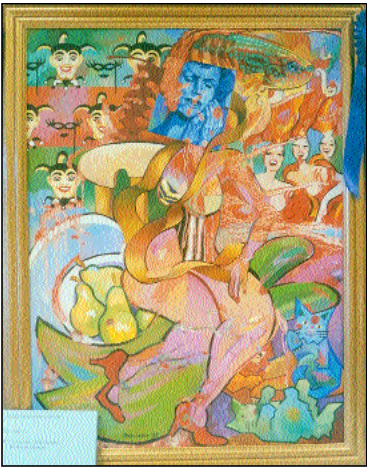
Artists will compete in two divisions.

The adult division will include participants ages 18 and older and the youth division will include artists 17 and younger.

Participants have several different categories of arts, crafts and photography into which they can enter their work.

Artists can compete in the fine art category which includes paintings, drawings and sculptures of clay, metal, or stone.

The textile art category includes needle work, weaving and knitting, etc.



Photos by Margie Arnold  
**A variety of art work will be on display during the arts and crafts competition Dec. 6 at the Community Activities Center.**

and artists of woodcarving and metal working can enter into the industrial art category.

The last category of multicrafts/pattern art includes baskets, stained glass, ceramics, etc.

Photographers can enter into one of four categories: monochrome prints, color, color transparencies or digital photos.

"There are some specific guidelines photographers should pay attention to about how photography is displayed," said Connor. "Guidelines are available at the Community Center and if photographers have any questions they can give us a call."

Winners selected at the base competition will compete in the Air Force Space Command competition Dec. 13, also held at the Peterson Community Activities Center.

"This is the first time I know of that Peterson has hosted the command competition," said Connor. "With both

the base and command competition here, it's a great opportunity for base artists to show their work and get recognized."

"It also helps promote arts and crafts programs here at the Community Activities Center," she added. "A lot of people aren't aware that we have art classes here with an instructor who has an art degree."

While all art work entered in the base competition will be on display, only photographs will be on display for the command competition.

"Photography entries will be on display at the command competition," said Connor. "All other entries will be judged by video."

"The winners of the command competition will then go on to compete at the Air Force competition in January," she added.

For more information on the arts and crafts competition, call Deb Connor at 556-1737.



### SERVICES CALENDARS

At the <b>Officers' Club</b>		<b>November 20 --</b> Mongolian barbecue dinner, 6-8 p.m.	<b>November 28 --</b> Thanksgiving Day Family Buffet, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., make reservations.	<b>November 29 --</b> The Officers' Club will be closed.
At the <b>Enlisted Club</b>		<b>November 20 --</b> Chicken buffet, 5-7 p.m.	<b>November 27 --</b> Holiday food buffet, 5-7 p.m.	<b>November 30 --</b> Breakfast with Santa, 8-10 a.m. Reservations by advance ticket purchase only.
At <b>Outdoor Recreation</b>		<b>November 16-17 --</b> Rock climbing.	<b>November 23 --</b> Weekend skiing starts.	<b>November 28 --</b> Low impact wilderness class starts. Call to sign up.

### This Week

#### Today

■ 5K Fun Run, 11:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center. Entry is free, sign up by race time. Call 556-4462 for more information.

#### Monday

■ Mothers on the move exercise group. Call Family Advocacy for details.  
■ Anger management, 2-4 p.m., at the Education Center.

#### Tuesday

■ Anger management, 2-4 p.m., at the Education Center.  
■ Overview of the Thrift Savings Plan for the uniformed services, 1-2:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call the Family Support Center for more information.  
■ Family swim night at the Aquatics Center, 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$1 per person.

#### Wednesday

■ Anger management, 2-4 p.m., at the Education Center.

#### Thursday

■ Play Group, 10:30 a.m. - noon, at the Chapel.  
■ Anger management, 2-4 p.m., at the Education Center.  
■ Career Marketing, 8 a.m.-noon, at the Family Support Center.

### Helpful Numbers

■ Family Advocacy 556-8943  
■ Education Center 556-4064  
■ Library 556-7462  
■ Community Center 556-7671  
■ Aquatics Center 556-4608  
■ Fitness Center 556-4462  
■ Officers' Club 556-4181  
■ Enlisted Club 556-4194  
■ Youth Center 556-7220  
■ Family Support 556-6141  
■ Red Cross 556-9201  
■ Aragon Menu Line 556-4782  
■ Outdoor Recreation 556-4487  
■ Golf Course 556-7810

### This Week



# Thanks from a grateful nation

*Patriotism. Honor. Support.  
Respect. Gratitude.*

By Capt. Don Kerr  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

It's words like these that mean so much to every American serviceman or servicewoman who has ever been welcomed home from a deployment or given thanks by a local citizen. Whether a veteran from World War II or a new recruit, the feeling is the same when you're given a simple "thanks for all you do."

Given all the events of the past year, last weekend's Veterans Day Parade was especially memorable.

On a beautiful Fall Saturday morning in downtown Colorado Springs, veterans, service members, and the community alike, came out by the thousands to show how important this one day in November is and to truly say, "we appreciate what you've done, what you do, and what you stand for."

Amid a flurry of parade floats, American flag-waving, cheers, and even some tears, our community showed their support in the form of a grand Veterans Day parade filled with enough patriotism to inspire an Army.

Veterans of foreign wars were present... veterans from Vietnam, Korea, Desert Storm, and Afghanistan. Even World War II veterans were present. Men and women who wear the uniform who will someday be veterans themselves were present. Young people – our sons and daughters, who may one day wear a uniform and grow to be a part of our nation of proud veterans, were also present. And they were all there. They came out in droves because it was a beautiful day for a parade, and a good opportunity to take the family out, but more importantly, they were also there to say thank you

and to celebrate our nation's veterans.

"The absolute outpouring of affection – the kids waving flags, the hands over hearts – it was a little more than I could take," said retired Command Sergeant Major Richard Wood. Wood, the 21st Space Wing's honorary member for the parade, rode on the wing's float Saturday alongside other veterans and members of different services from around Colorado Springs. The float represented different memorials of multiple wars in the history of the country.

Wood recalled that when troops returned home from Desert Storm, he and a fellow veteran grabbed their flags and headed out to Ft. Bliss, Texas, to join the welcoming party. He recalled how proud he felt that day to be a veteran, but also how things have changed over the years. "During that welcoming, I remember thinking that I wished we had been welcomed home (from Southeast Asia) that way," said Wood. "I came home from Vietnam through Travis Air Force Base and San Francisco. People weren't spitting on us, but they sure seemed to be upset with us in those days and not very thankful... there was nothing waiting for us at all."

"What impressed me so much here today, were all the flags and the children on the side of the street – I couldn't hold back the emotion or the tears. I can't tell you how honored I was to be asked to do this and how much I thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience."

To this veteran and to countless others, simple thanks can go a long way.



Photos by Larry Hulst

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 101 participate in Saturday's Veterans Day parade.



Brig. Gen. William Shelton, Air Force Space Command Director of Plans and Programs, left, Col. Larry James, 50th Space Wing Commander, center, and Col. Diann Latham, 21st Space Wing Vice Commander, show their appreciation during Saturday's Veterans Day parade.



An Honor Guard from the U.S. Air Force Academy marches in the Veterans Day parade Saturday.



Ed Beck, a World War II veteran, takes part in the Veterans Day parade in downtown Colorado Springs.



Air Force members from the Peterson Complex participate in the Veterans Day parade Saturday in downtown Colorado Springs.



Members of the U.S. Air Force Academy Marching Band perform during the Veterans Day parade Saturday.





# Force development to help PME problems

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper announced a new personnel development concept last week called Force Development.

“We call it Force Development and it applies equally to all of us: officer, enlisted, and civilian, across all specialties in our Air Force,” said Jumper.

Force Development and the required changes will be fully functional by the end of next year. The transformation will begin with the officer corps, but planning is currently underway for the enlisted and civilian programs.

According to Jumper, the goal for this new program is to make a more deliberate investment in all specialties and grades than is being done today.

“Day after day, you demonstrate that your expertise is our greatest asset, and I truly believe your continued training and development are our wisest investment,” Jumper said.

There are a lot of airmen currently frustrated by the limited slots for professional military education and advanced degree opportunities, and Jumper agreed.

“I know that many of you feel there are many reasons to be dissatisfied with the current system: limited PME in-residence slots, limited advanced degree opportunities, or square-filling masters degree programs that do little to make you better at your job or closer to your goals,” said Jumper. “I’ve experienced these issues myself, so let’s fix it.”

The decision was made at CORONA Fall to change the development system and its ideology.

Force development will primarily focus on training, education and experience, especially how members are assigned to get that experience. “We intend to open the aperture on what is considered beneficial education and training experience,” said Jumper.

This will place special emphasis on each individual’s needs by keeping the focus on the Air Force

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*Chief of Staff of the Air Force*

culture while also understanding that each career field has unique training and educational needs.

The plan is to accomplish this through the partnering of military education with advanced education that will prepare you with the practical knowledge and skills required to be effective in today’s expeditionary air and space force, and better face the challenges of tomorrow.

The Air Force is currently creating PME modules of instruction that are designed to combine knowledge with flexibility.

Officers being promoted to major will be required to at least take the basic module. And some officers waiting for the fall announcement of Intermediate Service School attendees may get some surprising news.

Many majors on the ISS list will start packing their bags for traditional courses. Others will be surprised to find out they are heading for a master’s degree program through the Air Force Institute of Technology.

In the past, all airmen were “highly encouraged” to earn an advanced degree. It didn’t really matter what that degree was or if it was beneficial to you or the Air Force, as long as you got a degree it helped you when promotion boards came around.

The new system is designed to provide benefits for both you and the Air Force. Thus the individual doesn’t unnecessarily suffer through two years of hard work at the office, long nights studying away from your family, all for a degree that will only help you get a promotion.

“Just like many of you, I too spent many hours in night school to earn a master’s degree,” said Jumper. “Why? So I could get promoted and fill in a square. We’re going to change that.”

The new system will offer qualified individuals in all career fields advanced degrees coupled with PME for what they need for their jobs.

Jumper was quick to mention that there won’t be a set solution for success. Each individual will be examined based on credibility, depth of experience, breadth of exposure, and potential to serve the Air Force in higher positions of responsibility.

Also changing the way business is done will be the Air Force Personnel Center. Over the next six months, AFPC will start transitioning its assignment officers into assignment teams.

The goal is for each person’s career to be managed by a team of transition assignment officers that will think about development and experience, not just filling a need.

*(Compiled from staff reports)*







## Be ready -- reality happens

By Ch. (Lt. Col.) Richard Munsell

21st Space Wing Chaplain

In Sept. 1990, I was stationed at RAF Upper Heyford, England. I had taken leave in northern Italy when I got a phone call from the base. The caller said, "Get back to base as soon as possible, by any means possible." I returned to base on a Friday night and, by Sunday morning at 2 a.m., I was on an airplane on my way to Desert Shield. It happened that quick.

A year before that I had been through an Operational Readiness Inspection at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., I think about how dependent I really was on the preparation I had received there. I was a Cold War warrior; I joined at a time when I thought I would never really see war. Then in a heartbeat, I was in it. I remember that anxiety, and that shift from this is not peacetime, this is honest-to-goodness real wartime. In addition, when you start putting that together with — you could die!

I remember the fear the first time a SCUD launched. Launches occurred at about

3:30 a.m. I slept with my uniform and my boots on so that I wouldn't waste anytime getting to the bunker. In the middle of the night, you would hear the alarms go off and, over the Giant Voice, "Alarm Red, MOPP 4. Don all protective equipment. This is NOT an exercise." Your heart is pounding through your chest, and you're grabbing your chemical gear, running for your bunker.

I'm in the dark, in the bunker, pulling all my chemical gear out to get up to MOPP 4. I had done all this in an ORI, so I knew how to put all the gear on. Here I was putting it on with something real inbound in our direction.

I can remember 'smelling' fear. With the gas mask on, I could smell something inside my gas mask that I had not smelled before. It was something my body was emitting that I could smell inside my gas mask. I don't know what the biological explanation is. I've come to believe that what I was smelling was fear. The closest thing I can use to describe it is a urine smell that was in my mask. It was something that my lungs or my body

was producing that was in my mask. It was the most intense the first time. No, I hadn't wet my pants. It was the first night of the air war and of the SCUD attacks that I smelled it. I was not afraid to the level of not being able to operate; my mind was working well, my training was kicking in -- no kidding. A piece of going to war is fear.

Physically, I was prepared to meet the challenge. Mentally, I knew from my training how to respond. Spiritually, I knew that God was with me even in this intense time of fear. I believe service to our country requires us to be ready in all three areas. We should never underestimate the value of training.

You have to practice the way you would actually do it in war. The difference -- war is real. You are not going to die during an exercise; but during a war, people do die. You are glad you practiced, because that is what you have to rely on when the real thing occurs.

You never know when the real thing is coming. I was just on leave in northern Italy — when the reality of our profession struck. It is essential to always be ready!



## Peak Performer

**Name:** Staff Sgt. Anthony L. Wiggins  
**Unit:** 21st Space Wing Chapel

**Duty Title:** Chaplain's Assistant

**Time in Service:** 5 years

**Hometown:** Sawyerville, Ala.

**Off-duty Interests:**

Spending time with my family, going to church,

exercising, hunting, fishing, and admiring antique vehicles.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** I joined the Air Force because I needed discipline, direction, and stability in my life. The Air Force also presented me the opportunity to have a successful career with retirement benefits, and chances to further my education on and off duty.

**Favorite part of your job:** The favorite part of my job is that I'm part of an organization that helps and serves others. This allows me to feel a sense of accomplishment when someone walks through the front doors of the chapel, emotionally or spiritually distressed, but leaves in a state of happiness. Also, I work with a great staff that supports my family values, career, and educational goals.

**What inspires you to do what you do?** My grandfather, who was my spiritual role model, taught me values that inspire me on a daily basis to strive to make a difference in someone's life.

**What goals do you have:** Complete my bachelor's degree and acquire a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. My ultimate goal is to become a chaplain in the Air Force.





## Terry Fox Run coming up

By Maj. Chuck Mathe'  
North American Aerospace  
Defense Command

The 2002 Terry Fox Run will again take place Nov. 30 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Fox Run Park in El Paso County. This year's international theme is "Lead by Example."

As with last year, all money raised through pledge forms and merchandise sales will go to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research.

Historically, the fun run has taken place on military installations, however, because of the events of Sept. 11, access to installations has been limited.

The park offers a 2.1 mile circuit only 15 minutes from Briargate off I-25 (exit 156A). Those doing the 10-kilometer route will complete the circuit three times while those opting for a 5K walk/bike/horse can complete two circuits.

In order to ensure its success, volunteers are need-

ed to make it happen.

Terry Fox Run information posters and Registration-Pledge Forms will be available at the Canadian Forces Support Unit or by e-mail.

To promote a great turnout, the committee encourages people to invite their friends and neighbors to join us for the Run.

All participants must complete a registration form in order to participate in the Run.

This is a legal stipulation by the El Paso County Parks Department for liability and is non-negotiable.

Cancer is something that has or could affect a family, friends or anyone. There have been so many breakthroughs in cancer research that we may be seeing a light at the end of a very long tunnel.

Visit the Terry Fox Run Site at [www.terryfoxrun.org](http://www.terryfoxrun.org) and see what's there.

For more information on Fox Run Park, including driving directions, log on to [http://www.elpasoco.com/Parks/r\\_parks/frp/frp.asp](http://www.elpasoco.com/Parks/r_parks/frp/frp.asp).



Photo by John Van Winkle

### Stopping the drive

Falcons Darnell Stephens (15), Jordan Wilkie (19) and Grant Mallory (37) wrap up Army wide receiver William White on a kickoff return. White is one of Army's potent weapons, accounting for 1,453 all-purpose yards this season, including 154 yards on seven returns and 33 yards receiving, during Army's 30-49 loss to Air Force on Nov. 9.



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